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1. (Confidential - JMM) Mr. Cord Meyer, ADDP, and I met with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to tell him we were about to see Senators Milton Young and Allen Ellender, in company with Assistant Secretary of State David Abshire, regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Woodruff said in his personal opinion the Radios were not worth continuing but when we argued to the contrary he said that in any event they definitely should not be included in the Agency budget for FY 1972. He said if we could find some other way of financing them it would be all right with him.

I told Woodruff that he was wrong in thinking that the Agency had "dragged its feet" in severing its relations with the Radios since we had been willing to do this ever since the Katzenbach report, but since no other solution could be found, we had been ordered by the President to keep the Radios going.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Mr. Meyer and I then joined Mr. Abshire in meeting with Senator Young to whom Mr. Abshire explained plans for a "public-private" corporation to be funded by the Congress which would take over the Radios. Senator Young was sympathetic, and assured us he would help promote the necessary legislation. He said that the Defense appropriations bill probably would not be passed before the August recess so the Radios might be supported by a continuing resolution until then.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Messrs. Abshire, Meyer and I were then joined by Assistant Secretary for European Affairs Martin Hillenbrand, in a meeting with Chairman Ellender, Senate Appropriations Committee. In response to Abshire's explanation of our purpose, Ellender said he had been convinced for years that our problems with the Soviets were largely of our own making and that nothing should be done to widen the gap between us, and that we should make every effort to improve our relations with Moscow. He expressed serious doubts that our Radios would contribute to this purpose, but said if a majority of the Senate favored the proposed legislation, he would not actively oppose it.

So far as timing was concerned, Ellender offered no encouragement for the suggestion that the Radios could be supported under a continuing resolution until late summer, insisting that he planned to have the Defense appropriation bill out of the way by the end of June.

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4. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Scott Cohen, in the office of Senator Charles Percy, to tell him that our Personnel people had been impressed with [REDACTED] whom he had referred to us. I told him that while she had good credentials, we would have to look to see if there was an appropriate opening for her. I said we would keep him posted.

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5. (Secret - GLC) [REDACTED] Personnel, called about a telephone conversation he had with a Colonel Brown of Air Force who was testifying before the House Appropriations Committee yesterday on the Defense budget. Chairman Mahon asked Colonel Brown in open session about some figures on Air Force enlisted personnel. Brown asked to be excused from answering this question in open session. Mahon agreed but told him to provide the information to Robert Foster, of the Committee staff. Brown is advising Foster that these [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He will suggest to Foster that any further information on their utilization should come from the [REDACTED] does not have this information. We plan to touch base with Ralph Preston and Foster on this.

6. (Confidential - GLC) Met very briefly with Hyman Fine, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to assure that the Director's declination to participate in the GAO R&D study did not infer an unwillingness to be cooperative with Senator McIntyre and the R&D Subcommittee. Fine seemed to appreciate this and asked that I come back and talk with him further about it early next week.

7. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Delivered and discussed with Mr. Fox, in the office of Representative John Saylor (R., Pa.), a letter to Mr. Saylor from Mr. Maury explaining the Agency's position re requesting medical information from the physician of an applicant.

8. (Internal Use Only - PLC) A suggested reply to a constituent who expressed concern to the article in Ramparts alleging CIA involvement in drug trafficking was discussed with Miss Mary McAuliff, staff member for Senator Marlow Cook (R., Ky.). Miss McAuliff appreciated our assistance and stated she would follow the guidelines provided.

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9. (Secret - JGO) In response to his telephone call, met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and picked up three classified documents from him. See Memorandum for the Record.

10. (Secret - JGO) Received a call from Mr. James Lowenstein, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who requested that the documents that he had forwarded to the Agency for safekeeping during his absence from the country be returned on Monday. See Journal item of 16 April 1971.

11. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. William Cook, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and gave him a copy of the Guide to CIA Statutes and Law for his use in reporting H. R. 6483 to the full Committee. Mr. Cook anticipates questions concerning the authority and responsibility of the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence which is covered in detail by footnotes to section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 in the Guide. Mr. Cook thanked me for the assistance and said that unfortunately the full Committee in all probability will not be meeting next week so it will be the following week before the bill will come up in the full Committee.

12. (Confidential - JGO) In response to his telephone request, met with Mr. J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, Committee on Judiciary, and received from him a transcript (copy number three) of the Subcommittee on Internal Security testimony of Mr. Lawrence Britt. He told me that any suggestions the Agency might have for further amplification of the broad questions that were posed during the hearing would be appreciated. The Committee would like to do as meaningful a report as possible short of jeopardizing Mr. Britt's forthcoming book. He said that we should feel free to deal directly with Mr. Britt on any suggestions but in the event we have no further contact with him, the Committee will make the final corrected transcript after review by Mr. Britt, available for our review, if we so desire.

13. (Internal Use Only - JGO) I attempted to see Representative Charles Wilson (D., Calif.) but he was away from the city for the day. An open appointment was made for Monday.

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14. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that Chairman Hanley (D., N.Y.), Representative Hogan (R., Md.), Mr. Martiny, and himself will be visiting NSA on Monday. He also said that Chairman Hanley appeared quite satisfied with his meeting with Mr. Maury and myself of yesterday afternoon. After the visit to NSA on Monday, he will see what can be done on working out details for a visit to the Agency as suggested by Mr. Maury and Chairman Hanley.

15. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and gave him additional detailed information on the American Institute for Foreign Study. Mr. Preston was most appreciative.

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16. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Foster, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he will be meeting on Monday with representatives of Defense Department as a followup to a matter that arose during a hearing two weeks ago concerning justification of Air Force personnel totals. An item relating to [REDACTED] had interested one of the members. Mr. Foster said that if the men are detailed to the Agency, he will drop the matter at that point. In any event, he will call me if he needs anything from us on this subject.

17. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Senator William Spong (D., Va.) and Thad Murray, Executive Assistant to Senator Spong, concerning a badge system proposed by a constituent as a substitute for the present passport system. I told the Senator that our technical people believe the badge he had given Mr. Maury to be a very good one and quite difficult to alter. In comparison, the present passport document could be altered somewhat easier. The Senator asked me to thank Jack Maury on his behalf.

18. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Gave Mr. Stevenson, in Senator Hughes' ((D., Iowa) office, a draft response to a constituent inquiry.

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